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But I find this paper aiready beyond limits, and to treat this subject fully would require a subsequent article. Enough to say now that while the number of lepers gathered together has increased, owing mainly, now, to the willingness of the stricken once to join their afflicted fellows, the disease is really arrested and on the decrease. The stricken once do not suffer the least pain, except in one of the three forms, and it may truly be set down that since Father Damien so wisely led the way to their temporal as well as spiritual comfort, there is more real happiness to the square mile in the leper settlement than in San Francisco. They have their property there, horses, cows, pigs, hens, gardens, and no care whatever, being supplied with what they need, and they have almost no pain.

Reverting again to the little family oligarchy, which has been masquerading under the name of a republic, it is safe to say that, because of its misrepresentations and money-getting propensities, it is almost as odious abroad as it is at home, where the grass is beginning to grow in the street because of stagnation. And that is why London and Berlin are hinting to Washington that if we don't want the islands the present Government should be quietly laid aside, as a misfit shoe, and the little Princess placed at the head, in case the Queen still refuses to make further claim to her one prosperous and happy Hawaii. The Queen spent everything that came to hand, and at home, while the tinsel baby court drew much travel and money. All this made times good.

The present rulers do not attract travelers, for they spend nothing, but, like Chinamen, hoared the last cent and send it out of the country for safe keeping. This makes times hard. As Honolulu was built by trade, trade is demanding a return to the old days and ways of prosp-rity. This is the voice of shops, ships, hotels, everything and everybody not receiving pay or profit under the little family of officers which we once made to believe was a republic. Any sort of decent regard for the good of the people or the will of the people would induce these new rulers, seeing how entirely they have failed, to quietly quit. Or are they waiting for another gory civil war and another history of it with pictures taken on the JOAQUIN MILLER. spot?

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ED. THE INDEPENDENT:-

In the issue of the Star of Thursday there appeared an article headed "Pure Drinking Water," theconcluding paragraph of which reads as follows: "The college system of earth closets with phenol for disinfectant, has long since received

the approval of all the local sanitary experts."

Now, I am pleased to know that there are some local sanitary experts. I have been in business here for a number of years and every so-called sanitarian that I have met has been a law unto himself.

But in the instance before us they

seem to have agreed on the question making assurance doubly sure, as all concerned will do.

The Star tells us, in the paragraph to which I refer, that in these earth closets they have used phenol as a disinfectant. Now, Mr. Editor, if those local sanitary experts can show me why it has been necessary to use the phenol and dry earth together, I shall have learned something in my forty years' experience as a practical plumber and sanitarian that I never knew anyone to arrive at before, for this reason arrive at before, for this reason-earth of itself is one of the most destructive agents to exercta matter known. Under such circumstances I desire to know who are the "local experts" who now give to us a decided opinion based as far as I can see on nothing? I am willing to learn but I would like to learn from men who needn't hide themselves behind the general term of "local experts," but who are able to give their signature to the public as I do now.

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